

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 18, 2007, a restriction was required between the invention of Group I, claims 18-30 and 35, drawn to an installation for the heat treatment of parts and the invention of Group II, claims 31-34, drawn to a rotary heat furnace for the heat treatment of parts.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 18-30 and 35. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants also note that claim 35 is dependent on claim 31. Therefore, applicants take this opportunity to rewrite claim 35 in independent form.

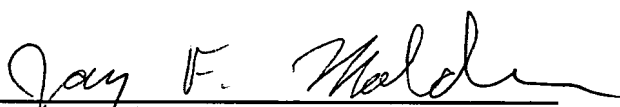
Applicants note that the subject matter of claims 31-34 may be pursued in a divisional application.

Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 18-30 and 35 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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